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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Sequence Listing

Please replace existing pages 1-5 of the Sequence Listing with new pages 1-6 of the Sequence Listing.

In the Claims

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 5 (amended):

A transformant comprising methylotrophic yeast transformed with [the vector according to any one of claims 1 to 4] a vector for secretory expression of an intact MK family protein, said vector comprising a gene encoding a mature MK family protein ligated to a signal sequence of $\alpha 1$ factor derived from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.